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PROVIDER NOTICE 00-018

TO: All Providers Performing Laboratory Services

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Organ and Disease Oriented Panels

Effective December 1, 2000, the policy and guidelines for submission of claims for organ and disease oriented panel services have been revised. Please incorporate these new guidelines into your protocol for billing these services:

All organ and disease oriented panels must include the tests listed with no substitutions. If only part of the tests included in a defined panel are performed, the panel code should not be reported. If additional tests to those indicated in a panel are performed, those tests should be reported separately in addition to the panel code. If two panels overlap, the physician or laboratory will be required to unbundle one of the panels and bill only for the tests that are not duplicative.

If you have additional questions, please call Medicaid's Medical Services Outreach & Education Program at (334) 242-5455.

Michael E. Lewis, Commissioner

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REMINDER: All Medicaid recipients are required to present proper identification to a provider of medical care or services. Providers must verify eligibility before providing treatment or service under the Medicaid Program.

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